

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 3574, Stock Option Accounting Reform Act.

The House passed H.R. 4850, District of Columbia Appropriations Act for FY05.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8431–S8493

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2689–2700, S. Res. 408–412, and S. Con. Res. 127–128.

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Measures Reported:

S. 1996, to enhance and provide to the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Angostura Irrigation Project certain benefits of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River basin program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–311)

H.R. 982, to clarify the tax treatment of bonds and other obligations issued by the Government of American Samoa.

S. Res. 401, designating the week of November 7 through November 13, 2004, as “National Veterans Awareness Week” to emphasize the need to develop educational programs regarding the contributions of veterans to the country.

S. Res. 404, designating August 9, 2004, as “Smokey Bear’s 60th Anniversary”.

S. Res. 407, designating October 15, 2004, as “National Mammography Day”.

S. 2677, to implement the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement.

S.J. Res. 4, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

S. Con. Res. 109, commending the United States Institute of Peace on the occasion of its 20th anniversary and recognizing the Institute for its contribution to international conflict resolution.

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Measures Passed:

Jamestown 400th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act: Senate passed H.R. 1914, to provide for the issuance of a coin to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown settlement, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S8490–91**

Marine Corps 230th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act: Senate passed H.R. 3277, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 230th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, and to support construction of the Marine Corps Heritage Center, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S8490–91**

John Marshall Commemorative Coin Act: Senate passed H.R. 2768, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Chief Justice John Marshall, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S8490–91**

Authorizing Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 410, to authorize Senate employees to testify and produce documents with legal representation. **Page S8491**

Authorizing Document Production: Senate agreed to S. Res. 411, to authorize document production by the Select Committee on Intelligence. **Pages S8491–92**

Small Business Program Extension: Senate passed S. 2700, to provide an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through September 17, 2004. **Pages S8492–93**

U.S.-Morocco Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act: Senate began consideration of S. 2677, a bill to implement the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement. **Pages S8460–67**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, July 21, 2004; that the time

until 11:30 a.m. be equally divided between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Finance, and that at 11:30 a.m. the Senate vote on passage of the bill; provided further, that when the Senate receives the companion measure from the House, the Senate proceed to its consideration, the bill be read a third time and passed with no intervening action or debate; and that once the Senate has passed the House companion measure, passage of S. 2677 be vitiated, and the bill then be returned to the calendar. **Page S8467**

Department of Agriculture Appropriations Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Appropriations be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4766, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and that the papers be returned to the House of Representatives. **Page S8492**

Nomination: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of William Gerry Myers III, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Pages S8438–60**

During consideration of this nomination today, the Senate also took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 158), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, the Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S8460**

Nomination: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Henry W. Saad, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, after agreeing to the motion to proceed to executive session. **Page S8468**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, July 22, 2004. **Page S8493**

Appointments:

Congressional Award Board: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 96–114, as amended, appointed the following individuals to the Congressional Award Board: Kathy Didawick of Virginia and Michael Carozza of Maryland. **Page S8491**

Nominations Discharged: The following nominations were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Juan Carlos Zarate, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, which was sent to the

Senate on March 11, 2004, from the Senate Committee on Finance.

Stuart Levey, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement, which was sent to the Senate on April 8, 2004, from the Senate Committee on Finance. **Page S8493**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—158) **Page S8460**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:41 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 21, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8493.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

IRAQ SURVEY GROUP

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing regarding the activities of the Iraq Survey Group (ISG) in Iraq from Major General Keith W. Dayton, USA, former Commander of the ISG.

COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Juan Carlos Zarate, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Stuart Levey, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement, and Carin M. Barth, of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

MONETARY POLICY REPORT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Semi-Annual Monetary Policy Report of the